

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 398

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carol Jean Patton of Kodak.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Carol Jean Patton; and

WHEREAS, Carol Patton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as Head Nurse on 7 east at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, in which position she earned the respect of her peers, superiors, and patients for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary nineteen-year tenure as Head Nurse, Carol Patton proved to be an extremely giving person who often reached out with compassion to people whom life had treated unkindly, and she epitomized the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Carol Patton was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a native of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Patton was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Betty Hollar; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Jerry M. Patton, and was the proud mother of daughter and son-in-law, Allison and David Levine; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her four grandchildren, Lauren, Sarah, Hadley, and Ava Levine; brother, Gary Hollar; sisters, Terry Thomas, Melissa Hull, and Amy Thomas; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Susie Swanner and Joyce Lozier; and

WHEREAS, Carol Patton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carol Jean Patton, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Patton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.